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- The Centrum Assisted Living
- Passages Alzheimer's Care
- Cherith Skilled Nursing Care & Rehabilitation Center
- Heritage Day Health Center Adult Day Care
- The Courtyard Restaurant

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Worthington, Ohio

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- Skilled Nursing & Rehabilitation
- Assisted Living
- The Grapevine Grill

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My Wish for You This Christmas

by Larry Harris, CEO



In light of my head-on collision with cancer at the holidays last year, I regard Christmas this season as an unmerited bonus. And so it always will be for whatever Christmases wait for me down the road. I will steal each from a future that should not have been mine.

The tumor extracted accidentally with my appendix a year ago turned out to have been more rare than a Columbus snowplow on my ice-rutted street. (For the record, Janet and I recall only one in nineteen years at our address.) Cases of my cancer type planet-wide are counted in the hundreds. So rare was this invader that there is no effective regimen of chemotherapy to challenge it. Otherwise I likely would have been bald for much of '07.

For all the many who have asked, I am doing well, thank you. Every few months I slip into a CT scan tube and donate a vial of blood to the lab to see if any new tumors have revealed them-

selves. So far there are none.

So I will spend this Christmas on my knees, at least in spirit, grateful for the greatest gift of all – the gift of life.

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Once you survive a nose-to-nose stare-down with the Grim Reaper – a confrontation so close you can smell the sulfur

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stench of his breath – you are changed. Curiously, you walk away with a gift. If you will loosen the ribbon and unwrap the offering that is presented, you will come to possess a laser focus on what is truly important in your life.

I count it a happy coincidence that Christmastime is the anniversary of my surprise discovery on the operating table last year. I always have seen the holiday as a time to quietly ponder my blessings. Christmas now will be a reminder that I have been given the blessing that trumps all others.

Christmas is an annual marker at my house and a time for humble reflection – more so than at New Year's or a birthday. We sprinkle blue lights on our shrubs out front, fire up the cinnamon candles, and call in the family for a celebration.

You don't need a tumor to provoke you to pan at Christmas for the golden nuggets of life, to sift through all the demands and distractions, the pushing, shoving, jostling and sparring to discover the precious truths that were hidden in plain sight all along. If you will give an ear to the carols and consider the Hallmark script on your cards, you will come to discover hints of what is important and what is not. The poets and dreamers occasionally figure it out.



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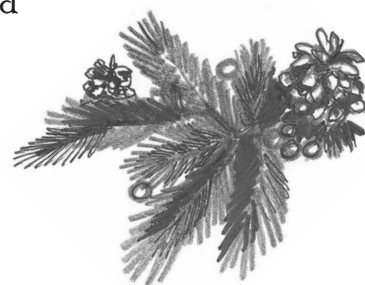
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the virtue of a fat portfolio, a Lexus, or an up-town address. There are no yule verses praising war or rivalry, pretension or an arrogant pose. I challenge you to find a Christmas story that honors judgment or petty jealousy. That story has not been written.

Through the words of the scribes and lyricists, we see Christmas as a time to purge our hearts of carnal pollutions. They call us to replace prejudice with a firm stand for justice. They urge us to bury greed and unearth a giving spirit, to flee from those who would smother our souls with their disapproving scowls and gloomy auras.

The carols sing of family and friends, of decency, humility, and love. They shout peace, and remind us that people the world over are all pretty much the same. If you could ask them directly, they would tell you that an Iraqi mother grieves no less for the loss of her child than does a mother in Ohio. People everywhere seek a secure future for their children. We all ask for the basic necessities of life, for acceptance, and love.

So my wish for you this Christmas is simple. May your days be merry and your sorrows small. And don't wait for a tumor to begin a search for truth. Open your ears and your mind, and let the Christmas message flood your heart. Gather around you the people you care about, and with them celebrate the precious gifts you would never find under your tree on Christmas morning.





Ground Broken Indoors for Phase II of Delaware Run

More than a hundred fifty people moved across the street to the Delaware Elks Lodge to participate in the groundbreaking for Phase II of Willow Brook at Delaware Run. The second phase will raise apartments three stories into the valley and construct two wings of the

healthcare center as well as housing the Willow Brook executive offices.

Wielding shovels for the October 18th groundbreaking were (left to right) State Representative Jon Peterson, Fifth Third Banker Matthew Mazza, Delaware County's Director of Economic Development John Barron, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging director Cindy Farson, Willow Brook CEO Larry Harris, President Peter Clark, Elford CEO Jeff Copeland, Delaware Run Village Manager Carol Calkins, Architect Rick Brown of Brown Calabretta Architects, Delaware Mayor Windell Wheeler, and Delaware Run Resident Council President Jim Hutchison (not shown).

Village Resident Honored by Ohio Wesleyan, Willow Brook



Betty and Dr. Jim Leslie speak with fellow Village resident Leonard Russell at a reception to recognize Jim's being honored by Ohio Wesleyan University

Willow Brook Christian Village resident Jim Leslie was joined by his family, former students, colleagues and admirers from across the country at the Ohio Wesleyan University Homecoming in October.

Dr. Leslie was honored for opening the ears, hearts, and minds of a tradition-bound campus. Under his nearly three-decade chaplaincy of the school he led faculty and students alike to view their Creator as the Prince of Peace, encouraging them to join the Peace Corps, form community action organizations, and continuously seek alternative solutions to war, poverty, racism and injustice.

In appreciation, the University announced the establishment of the James Leslie Center for Peace and Justice.

The James Leslie Center for Peace and Justice will combine dozens of related programs across the Ohio Wesleyan campus under one unifying center, seeking funding for their activities, supporting their efforts, and offering a home for organizations with compatible values and goals.



Centrum resident Marge Burkhart gets an assist from personal care attendant Peggy Phan as she learns how to use the new stand-on digital scale purchased for residents by an anonymous donor.



Maintenance director Jeff McIntosh scores a strike in the employee campaign's first-ever turkey bowl kickoff event. Willow Brook staff members are raising funds for scales, dopplers, carts, and other supplies they would like to have for their departments. Last year's campaign purchased the wheelchair washer shown on page 7.

From the Willow Brook Foundation

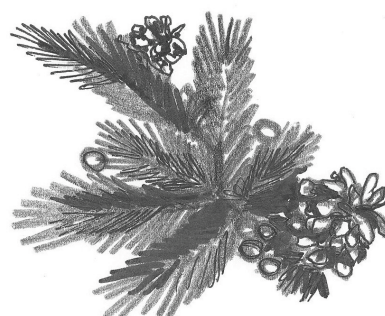
*by Jim Minehart
Chief Development Officer*

If you have been thinking about making a gift before year's end you have several options which may be shaped to fit your individual needs:

- The Foundation accepts VISA and Master Card, and gifts can be also made automatically through your financial institution via the Automatic Clearing House.
- A stretch gift with appreciated stock gives you a double tax benefit: an income tax deduction for the fair market value of the stock, and no tax on the capital gain even though it has never been taxed.
- You can direct an IRA Charitable Rollover from your IRA to Willow Brook and exclude it from your individual income for federal tax purposes while satisfying your required minimum distribution all at one time. Please consult with your tax advisor for how you might take advantage of this opportunity before it expires on December 31, 2007.
- The Charitable Gift Annuity is an effective tool for supporting Willow Brook while doing something smart for your retirement income. In exchange for a gift of cash or appreciated securities or real estate, Willow Brook promises to pay you an attractive fixed income for life.

Experience the joy of giving by calling me at 740-368-4633 or email me:

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Delaware Run resident Dee Seebode demonstrates chip carving on the pine piece that earned her the second place prize in woodworking at the Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes and Services for the Aging's annual art and writing competition. A talented artist, Dee also works in water colors, pen and ink, finger tatting, quilting, papier maché and many other media, but says her favorite medium is "anything with a point on it."

Willow Brook Christian Village resident Bebe Conant also came away with second-place honors for her quilt work. A photo of Bebe's winning quilt of three years ago was in the 2004 *Reflections*.

The family of Chloe Mitchell shares a traditional Thanksgiving meal at Willow Brook Christian Home's family Thanksgiving dinner held on Sunday, November 18th. More than 350 people sat down for dinner with their family members who are residents of The Home for the annual event.



Delaware Run resident Bill McCartney's scooter joined a golf cart, Kubota, and even a dump truck from Willow Brook at Delaware Run to enter the Delaware Christmas Parade on November 18. Each vehicle had a theme, from "the dirt is moving on Delaware Run's construction site," to "play golf and let someone else worry about maintenance," to "we're all just having a good time."



Memorial Gifts from the Heart

September 6 - November 9, 2007

Tributes

Mary E. Beck
Paul and Elizabeth Beck
Hazel B. Blose
Dennis and Sharon Blose
Frank and Betty Chappell
Frederick and Susan Vierow
Cherith Residents
Robert and Patricia Goff
Bernice Conrad
Melissa Pearson
Al and Dianne Slivinski
Amenoto Fofanah
Yabom Kamara
Katherine Hilborn
James and Sharon Edwards
Martha C. "Chris" Hill
Michael and Martha Schoener
Margaret E. Maxey
Richard Maxey
Willow Brook Staff-FUNdraisers
Carol Hallenbeck
Willow Brook Staff
Phillip and Sheryl Dowler
Marcia Hanesworth

Louretta G. Belville
Jack & Vivian Gaskalla
John Benich
Richard & Ruth Bauerle
Thelma Bevins
William & Diane Bates
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Richard & Ruth Bauerle
Anna Macias
Ed Buxton
Carl & Mariedith Brofft
Katherine L. Clark
Richard & Ruth Bauerle
John & Shelly Hubbell
Stanford Compton
Richard & Ruth Bauerle
Vivian Compton
Richard & Ruth Bauerle
Tom D. Conrad
Al & Dianne Slivinski
Beatrice Cowans
John Starks
Saccoh Sourie Daboh
Assanatu Sidibay

Frieda Janet Davies
Marcus Kissel
Elizabeth Omameh
April Rausch
Nelda Davis
Donald & Melba Davis
Joel I. Dowler
Phillip & Sheryl Dowler
Floyd Edgington
Bertha Schaile
Glenn Ellzey
Cheryl Ellzey
Margaret T. Ferguson
Richard & Ruth Bauerle
Ed Flahive
Jean Flahive
John David Fraley
Billy & Betty Miller
Magdaline Fraley
Billy & Betty Miller
Jean Gatz
Richard & Ruth Bauerle
Roland Dribble
Wesley & Bonnie Jordan
Jeanne R. Harris
Richard & Ruth Bauerle
Rodger S. Hoyt
June Hoyt
James E. Jackson
Mitchell & Dyana Welch
Mary Jordan
Wesley & Bonnie Jordan
Donna J. Larson
Jan & Nancy Larson
Bertha A. Lengacher
John & Deloris Suppes
Norman H. Leonard
Robert & Elizabeth Gitter
Raul Lozano
Richard & Ruth Bauerle
Linda Posani
Jerry Martini
Eugene & Terry Martini
Caroline N. Miller
Terry & Karen Irwin
Christina Minehart
James & Carol Minehart

Olivia M. Moses
Marcus Kissel
Mothers
Robert & Martha Slatzer
My Residents
Christy Brice
Mildred Ohl
Sandy Swartzmiller
Lilly May Ridenour
Ruth McLaughlin
Dorcas Rusk
Richard & Ruth Bauerle
Robert R. Rutan
Richard & Ruth Bauerle
Jane Rutan
Harold R. Scatterday
Billy & Betty Miller
Sue A. Scott
Lawrence & Marian Wenger
Lona E. Shaw
David & Barbara Miller
Jack & Alice Sipek
Sharon Sipek
Narcissia Starks
John Starks
Cloyd Stauffer
Ronald & Susan Stauffer
Gladys Stauffer
Ronald & Susan Stauffer
Dollie Stine
John & Gladys Neff
Carmon J. Walker
Helen Reppart
Lois Smith
Helen C. Weaver
Marcus Kissel
Max Wildermuth
Jayne MacKay
Harry E. Williamson
James & Pauline Kossow
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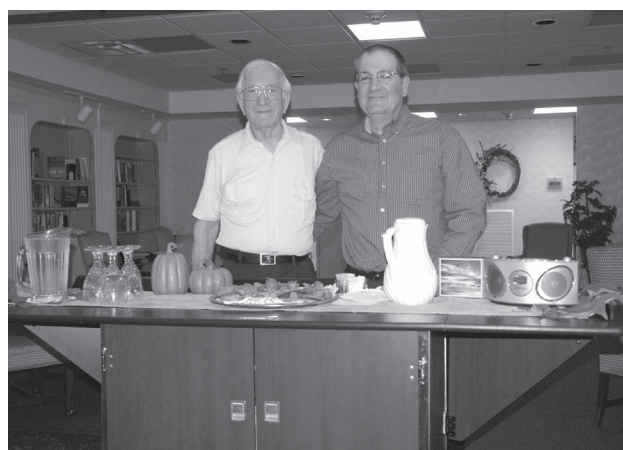
Centrum Activities Director Marlene Andersen won the prestigious AOPHA Excellence in Caring - Indirect award at the statewide conference of the Association of Ohio Philanthropic Homes and Services for the Aged conference in Columbus in September. Marlene is also the artist whose Christmas drawings accompany CEO Larry Harris's essays every year.



This 1884 Estell pump organ was donated to Willow Brook by the family of Commons resident Esther Bunker. It was used by the Advent Christian Church in Stantontown, near Maren-go, Ohio, for more than a hundred years and now sits graciously at Willow Brook Christian Village.



Director of nursing Lori Lewis removes a freshly cleaned wheelchair from the new wheel-chair washer purchased through gifts from the 2007 employee campaign. Cherith nursing home administrator Nicole Ketron prepares to demonstrate how to dry the chairs.



Andy, son Bob (both pictured above) and other son John Kohan, purchased a comfort cart which contains music, scents, refreshments and reading materials, all planned to ease the stress on families who are spending many hours in The Village at the end of their loved one's lives. The comfort cart has brought just that to those who have used it since the Kohans' donation.



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*You are cordially invited to attend a
Rally and Construction Update
on the progress of construction at
Willow Brook at Delaware Run
Thursday, January 17, 2008, 2:00 pm*

*The rally will be held at Willow Brook Christian Village
100 Willow Brook Way South, Delaware, Ohio
just off US 23 behind the State Highway Patrol*

*After the rally
tours of the apartments will be given at Willow Brook Christian Village, and
tours of the twin-single homes will be given at Willow Brook at Delaware Run*

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